



Trinity 12 & 13 • 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August 2015

8 THINGS TO NOTICE THIS SUMMER:

No. 7 'BUTTONED UP'

A priest from the diocese came to talk about her work the other day. She works in a team with other clergy and with lay people too, in a context rather different from the average parish and in the midst of a time of change. She was caught up in some rather complex dynamics – and it felt like she was struggling to get a hold on any of it.

Barry Oshry, one of my favourite organisational theorists, has a passage in his

classic book **Seeing Systems**, in which he compares daily life in an organisation to a game of pinball. *"Sometimes life in the organisation feels like a game of pinball, and we're the little metal ball. We start each day launched into a mysterious world of bumpers, lights, bells and whistles. Lights flash on and off. Buzzers sound. Gates open and close, sometimes propelling us at high speed to some other centre of the action, and sometimes letting us drop quietly into a hole. All of this is a mystery to us. Is this just a set of random events?"*

Sound familiar?

Oshry's contention is that our problem is that we are not seeing the big picture.

In my study, where clergy come to talk, there is a tub of assorted buttons. Often – as the other morning – I reach for the tub and grab a handful of them. "Ok," I say, "let's

say *this* [nice big blue button] is 'John', and *this* [smaller green button] is you. Where is Sam? And Sally? And how would you arrange yourselves relative to each other?" Often there's an initial look of bewilderment. This is surely childish, not what they've come to hear from someone who is supposed to be more sophisticated in his grasp of organisational life! Buttons?! But then they start to position things. "Well, I think she

should go *here*, but in fact she is usually *here*," and they move the buttons around... Whole worlds of meaning and subtlety can be created on a tabletop, and in the process we suddenly notice, together, what we hadn't seen – a pattern, or an alliance, or someone 'in the wrong place' or 'left out of the conversation'.

You don't need buttons. You can use pens, or post-its, or condiments! The trick is to externalise what is internal and to give ourselves space to notice what proximity prevents us from seeing. And you don't need to be in a complex organisational dynamic: sometimes life in families, or in communities is just as confusing and leaves us struggling to see what is, in fact, right in front of us.

Often what we need is not another theory, or model, or theology: just a chance to see anew what we thought we already knew!

*Fr Alan Gyle*

And finally, later in this edition: "No.8: Resolution and Re-entry."



# Parish News & Events

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

If you haven't visited the parish website for a while, [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org), you'll notice a change when you do!

Launched this month is a new, fresher, simpler and more outward-looking website with lots of new functionality. It will be a key tool in communicating with the world and our stakeholders in the future – and we are grateful to the team who've been working on it, especially Jim and Max.



## GALA PIANO CONCERT

**Saturday  
17th October  
2015  
at 7.30pm**



Following the fund raising birthday concert in April, we have raised over £36,000 which has enabled us to buy a magnificent 1990 Steinway concert grand piano. The piano was originally chosen by Alfred Brendel for the Queen's Hall Edinburgh, who have cared for it since 1990, and where it has been played by many world class pianists. For the inaugural concert at St Paul's Knightsbridge, we are very fortunate that Howard Shelley has agreed to direct and play the Emperor piano concerto by Beethoven – a great work to showcase the instrument. The programme will commence with Mozart's Figaro overture with the Thames Chamber Orchestra under their principal conductor, Keith Marshall, and the concert will end with Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony.

**Ticket prices £15 / £20 / £35 - available online at [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)**

## PROJECT 'O' – latest videos online now



Between now and Advent Sunday, we're going on a creative journey. Members of the congregation – Thomas Hyde, composer, and Clare McCaldin, mezzo-soprano – along with Stevie Farr, Director of Music, and the St Paul's choir and choreographer Hubert Essakow are creating a work of music, song and dance in an interpretation of The O Antiphons of Advent. O will be performed at St Paul's Knightsbridge on Advent Sunday at 6.00pm on 29 November 2015. A series of films, under the title O – The O Antiphons, will record the creation of the work. All are welcome to the service. You can become part of the creative journey by following its progress online. Visit [www.spkb.org](http://www.spkb.org)



## GARDEN PARTY

The Parish Autumn Garden Party will take place in the Vicarage Garden on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 from 6:30pm**. Please note the date now and plan to be with us. Invitations are available in church this morning – please take one and invite a friend who might enjoy getting to know St Paul's and its community.

# Pilgrimages & Trips

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## IONA in SEPTEMBER

with **Bishop Michael Colclough**  
**7 - 11 September 2015**



The Isle of Iona, home of St Columba and for centuries a centre for Gaelic Monasticism, is a luminous and 'thin' place where the gap between earth and heaven seems easy to traverse. Situated on the West Coast of the Isle of Mull in the Inner Hebrides off Scotland's West Coast, this short retreat led by Bishop Michael will give time and space to reflect on God's calling to you – in good company and with wise counsel on hand.

Please pray for the retreatants from this parish – including Roland Brunner, Nicky Lindsay and Caroline Docker.

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## POLAND in SEPTEMBER



**PARISH TRIP TO KRAKOW, POLAND, 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015: THEOLOGY AFTER AUSCHWITZ with Fr Alan Gyle**

The central theme of our forthcoming visit to Krakow is that we need to explore – as thinking, believing people – the reality of evil and the collective potential of humanity for evil as well as good, if we are to be mature in our theological outlook. None of us wants to confront evil – and perhaps we instinctively reach for the remote control when the latest images of human atrocity flash onto our screens on the daily news. But for many of us, confronting truth is ultimately more creative than denying it or avoiding it, however briefly painful that may seem. And if we *are* to do so, and to engage this dimension of our human experience, where better to do it than in good and prayerful company among friends – and with

thoughtful guidance along the way. Fuller information about the planned trip to Kraków and Auschwitz ('Theology after Auschwitz' with Fr Alan Gyle) is available at the back of church.

**\*\*Participants please note the Supper and study evening on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, and the File Evening on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

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## WALSINGHAM in OCTOBER



**Fr. Andrew Sloane** will be leading another Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk on **Saturday 3 October 2015**. Please sign the

sign up sheet at the back of the church if you are interested. Full details later.

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## LYON, FRANCE in JUNE 2016

### IONA in SEPTEMBER

with Fr Alan Gyle

**PROVISIONAL DATES: 6 – 9 June 2016**



To coincide with our 'We Are Theologians' programme, a trip to the city associated with the great St Irenaeus, hammer of heretics! Lyon, in France's Rhône-Alpes region, sits at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers and is set in the culinary heartland of France. Lyon enjoys a wonderful mixture of historical sites and architectural delights from every age from Roman times to the present day. Full details in due course – for now, 'save the dates'.

# In the Diocese



The St Paul's Institute programme for the Autumn of 2015 and the details of the regular Sunday Forum are available in print and online. At the Cathedral's website: [www.stpauls.co.uk](http://www.stpauls.co.uk) Highlights in the coming months include:

## Being Human: How to Become the Person You Were Meant to Be

Tuesday 29 September 2015  
from 18:30-20:00



What kind of person do you want to be? It's easy to go through life without ever really considering what we're here for and who we want to be. How can we think not just about what we do with our lives, but who we're becoming while living them?



Steve Chalke says that God calls each one of us to play our part in his plan for a just and loving world, and it's finding our place in that story that will shape us and our lives into everything we were meant to be.

How can we hear God's call to us in a world that tells us that peace and justice are a dream, and that there are so many better, quicker fixes for our lives?

Steve Chalke is the senior minister of Oasis Church Waterloo. In 1985, he founded Oasis Trust which now has over 5,000 staff pioneering educational, healthcare and housing initiatives in the UK and overseas. He is also the founder of Stop the Traffik and UN Special Advisor on Community Action Against Human Trafficking, and a well-known author and broadcaster. His latest book is *Being Human* (Hodder 2015). This event will include plenty of time for questions and answers.

## Science and Religion: Gillian Straine

Sunday 4 October 2015  
from 13:00-14:00

The Revd Dr Gillian Straine was a Pastoral Assistant at St Paul's Knightsbridge before her ordination training. She has a PhD in experimental atmospheric physics, trained in science communication, and is a priest in the



Church of England. She is the author of *Introducing Science and Religion, A Path Through Polemic* (SPCK 2014).

Science and religion are often portrayed as locked in

intractable conflict – as opponents that offer competitive and mutually-exclusive ways of seeing the world. Gillian Straine says that this is a myth, and a dangerous one. From her own experience and expertise as both scientist and priest, she will offer us ways of understanding and negotiating the conflict with integrity and holding together belief in God with a rich understanding and respect for science.

# Reflection

## 8 THINGS TO NOTICE THIS SUMMER: No. 8



### **'RESOLUTION & RE-ENTRY'**

The long-awaited summer break is almost at its end. In a few short days it will be time to gather belongings, to re-pack cases and to return to the daily round of life in London.

Perhaps you've taken up the invitation to reflect week by week. If not, you can still do so, online at [www.spkb.org/think/reflections](http://www.spkb.org/think/reflections). Seven reflections on how we use our time, how we prioritise it and how we look at life. What have you learned? What have you been reminded of this summer? What intentions do you have?

Hanging onto intentions and insights is hard. The engineers at NASA knew that if it seemed hard to get a rocket from the surface of the earth to the surface of the moon, the *really* hard bit was getting people safely back. Re-entry into the earth's atmosphere is a hot and turbulent process that stretches technology and human nerve to the limits. So it is with all transitions. Transitions, shifts, moves from one place to another – whether from job to job, from home to home or just from holiday back to daily life – shouldn't be underestimated. Much gets lost in the process, including insights.

In good coaching conversations (and all of this, dear readers, has been a sort of coaching process at one remove), part of the time and energy spent by the pair or group towards the end of their time is spent 'designing actions' and noticing that the best insights in the world are worth nothing if they don't change things afterwards.

David Clutterbuck, one of the great contemporary theorists of good, productive conversations, often uses a simple framework at the end of his time with people. It is his Four 'I's Model. Let's recap, he will say. What ISSUES have we touched on (i.e. what have we been talking or thinking about?). What IDEAS have you had (which is to say, what creative thinking occurred in our time together?). What INSIGHTS were there? (that is, what did we learn?). What INTENTIONS do you have? (i.e., what will we do as a result of our learning?). This process of reviewing and resolving is often the bit that gets missed in life, isn't it! We have good conversations or insightful thinking time alone – but then we are so busy or distracted that we rush on and allow all the insights to evaporate and life to remain the same. It all gets lost – or burned up on re-entry into normal life. It can be a good discipline to stop and be intentional about what's occurred, before the hurly-burly of moving on: ISSUES, IDEAS, INSIGHTS, INTENTIONS?

What have yours been this summer? And what will now be different?

*Fr Alan Gyle*

# The Ordo & Intercessions

## SERVICES IN AUGUST

### Visiting St Paul's & Ringing the Parish Office

In August, although the daily masses continue every day at St Paul's, resident members of the clergy team are on holiday, as are some key lay staff. As a consequence, the church is opened as possible on weekdays – though visitors may occasionally find it locked because of staff absence. If you plan to visit, please call the Parish Office on 020 7201 9999 (the phone will continue to be answered and urgent messages passed on) to ensure access.

### Sundays

On Sundays at 11:00, although the choir is on holiday, the Family Mass and the Sung Eucharist at 11:00 continue with a cantor singing at 11:00.

### Weekday Masses

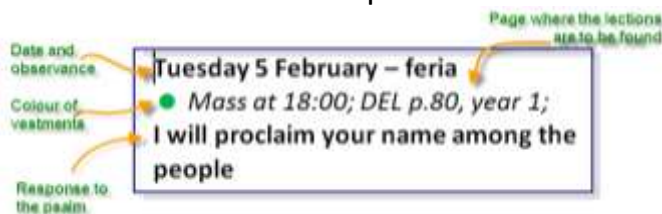
On weekdays, masses are as usual, except that on Wednesdays at 18:45 there is a low mass in the Chapel with no singing. Please also note that on August Bank Holiday Monday (31<sup>st</sup> August) the daily mass will be at noon.

### Morning Prayer

The Morning Office is said privately in August and the church will usually (when possible) open at 09:15 for private prayer.

## MASSES & PSALM RESPONSES

There is a mass daily at St Paul's and all are welcome to attend. Service papers are available outside the Chapel or Chancel.



### COLLECT FOR TRINITY 12

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of

Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful God, who in this holy sacrament hast put away our sins and given us thy healing; grant that as we are made whole in Christ, so we may bring thy healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Weekly Ordo

### Sunday 23 August: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

[Proper 16B; DEL week 21, year 1]

◆ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00 - Green

### Monday 24 August: Feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle

◆ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 275 (mass with Gloria) - red

**R: The Lord is loving to everyone.**

### Tuesday 25 August: feria

◆ Mass at 18:00; DEL p. 595, year 1 - Green

**R: O Lord, you have searched me out and known me.**

### Wednesday 26 August: feria

◆ Mass at 18:45; DEL p. 598, year 1 - Green

**Those who sow in tears, shall reap with songs of joy.**

### Thursday 27 August: Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

◆ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 278 - White

**R: Lord of hosts, look on your servant.**

### Friday 28 August: Augustine, teacher of the faith, 430

◆ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 281 - White

**R: How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!**

### Saturday 29 August: The Beheading of St John the Baptist

◆ Mass at noon; EH p. 283 - Red

**R: The messenger of the covenant is coming, says the Lord.**

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### COLLECT FOR TRINITY 13

Almighty God, who hast called thy Church to witness that thou wast in Christ reconciling the world to thyself: help us so to proclaim the good news of thy love that all who hear it may be drawn unto thee; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God our creator, who dost feed thy children with the true manna which is the living bread from heaven: grant that, by this holy food, we may be sustained through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst shall be no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Sunday 30 August: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

[Proper 17B; DEL week 22, year 1]

♦ Masses at 09:00 & 11:00 - Green

### Monday 31 August: Aidan, bishop & missionary, 651

♦ **Mass at noon**; EH p. 290 - White

**R: Sing praises to God, sing praises.**

### Tuesday 1 September: Giles, hermit, c.710

♦ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 293, Common of religious, p. 494 - White

**R: To you, O God, I lift up my eyes**

### Wednesday 2 September: Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942

♦ Mass at 18:45; EH p. 293, Common of martyrs, p. 464 - Red

**R: I have trusted in you, O Lord.**

### Thursday 3 September: Gregory the Great, bishop & teacher of the faith, 604

♦ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 293

**R: Give thanks to the Lord, the Holy one.**

### Friday 4 September: St Birinus, bishop, 650

♦ Mass at 18:00; EH p. 296, Common of missionaries, p. 503 - White

**R: May God give us his blessing.**

### Saturday 5 September: feria

♦ Mass at noon; Votive Mass of Our Lady; EH p. 457 (mass with Gloria) - White

**R: Let the name of the Lord be praised**

[Psalm 113 – p. 459]

### We pray daily for:

- For our Bishop, Richard
- our sister parish, St Paul's K-Street and its new Rector
- our emerging mission link with All Saints, Nhamavila in Mozambique
- the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and for the unity and health of the Anglican Communion
- our sisters and brothers of the Roman Catholic Church and for Pope Francis I, and for the Eastern Orthodox churches and Bartholomew the Ecumenical Patriarch.
- Pray for all travelling and on holiday at this time of year.

### Among the sick and those in need:

Jean Marc Lehut; Anne Marie Fratani; Julie Hardman; Jamie Britten; Matthew Hardman; Alan Lintott; Bishop Michael Colclough; Vivienne Mallinson; Margot Stewart; Ian Powe; Bernard Gordon-Lennox; Jane Elstub; Sal Allen; Clariette Wilmot; Tim Touhey; Ian Frazer; Elizabeth Gordon; Carole Taylor; Michael Cooke; John King; Alexandra Holesh; Cath Dunkley; Steven Davis; Prunella Papenthein.

### We pray for all the recently departed,

June Todd; Paul Hollands; Lane Davenport, priest.

### And for those whose year's mind falls at this time:

James Davis	19 August
David D'Albis	20 August
Frank Palmer	28 August
Tom Delaney	28 August
Jack Windham	29 August
June Fenwick	30 August
Victor Danenza	3 September
Henry Montagu Villiers	9 September

# ST PAUL'S

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

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A priest is available before or after the daily Eucharist for confession and spiritual guidance, and also by appointment. A member of the parish clergy is always available in pastoral emergencies and we will be glad to be contacted at whatever hour, seven days a week; however, as a general rule, Fr Alan is unavailable on Mondays and Fr Andrew Sloane on Fridays.

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